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WEST INDIES & DR JAGAN

THE changes that have taken place in the British Commonwealth of Nations over the past few years are not part of a pre-arranged plan. Such a plan never could be entertained under any circumstances unless the Home Government was willing to sacrifice the welfare of the majority of the various colonial peoples for the few who seek power for their own ends.

The process of acquiring independence within the Commonwealth has, in most cases, been long and sometimes tedious, but the paramount consideration must always be, those who can unwittingly be led by ignorance and promises into something of which they do not have the slightest knowledge.

A great deal, therefore, depends on political maturity of the colonial peoples and their leaders. Whether Dr Cheddi Jagan, newly appointed Minister of Trade and Industry in the British Guiana Government, has acquired an element of maturity since the recent elections is questionable.

MEETING

BUT Dr Jagan's decision to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Standing Federation Committee of the West Indies certainly appears to be an indication that he has somewhat modified his attitude towards joining the West Indian Federation.

Dr Jagan, whose pro-Communist leanings led to the suspension of the British Guiana Constitution in 1953, was previously reported to be opposed to the West Indian Federation unless it was accompanied by immediate full self-government.

While the West Indies Federal Constitution provides specifically for the possible future entry of British Guiana into the Federation it is highly unlikely that this will take place unless, or until, Dr Jagan has proved that he intends to adopt a more moderate and democratic policy in British Guiana, where his extremist faction of the People's Progressive Party won nine out of fourteen seats in the August general elections.

OBVIOUS

IT is quite obvious that Dr Jagan and his party will have to undergo a sufficient period of trial and show that he does not intend to repeat his performance of 1953 before the Federation could possibly entertain accepting British Guiana as a member.

That being the case the Constitution of British Guiana would have to be further liberalised so that a vote of the British Guianan legislature in favour of joining the Federation would truly reflect the popular will of the people.

Dr Jagan at present seems anxious to establish friendly contacts with West Indian leaders of the Standing Federation Committee, but it remains to be seen if he can contain his party and fall in with the Federation members who are prepared to wait five years for full self-government.

Dr Jagan is in no position to force an issue and it is probable that finance—or the lack of it—will have a major bearing on his attitude towards his country becoming an integral part of the "new look" Commonwealth.

The outcome of the meeting will be watched very closely by the Home Government as it could well have an important influence on British Guiana's future and the welfare of its people.

NEW HK ROAD TRAFFIC BILL

Now An Offence To Sell An Unroadworthy Car

Under a new bill announced today, people in Hongkong who sell or offer to sell an unroadworthy car can be fined \$5,000 and sent to gaol for six months.

The same sentence will be imposed upon anyone who makes a car unroadworthy before putting it on the road.

And anyone who uses or allows an unroadworthy car on the road will be liable to a fine of \$500 and three months' gaol for a first offence, and a \$1,000 fine and six months' gaol for a second or subsequent offence.

The Bill—known as the Road Traffic Ordinance—replaces and elaborates the existing ordinance.

A Government spokesman commenting on the Bill this morning said: "The trend generally has been to increase penalties for second and subsequent offences and to enhance the Court's powers and duties of disqualification."

Not Known When

The spokesman said it was not known when the Bill would be introduced into the Legislative Council.

Very sketchy notes accompanying the Bill make it difficult to extract detailed changes.

There are, however, a number of notable changes.

One clause introduces for the first time in Hongkong the offence of driving dangerously and thereby causing death or grievous bodily injury as an alternative to the offence of manslaughter arising out of dangerous driving.

It is understood that this clause has been introduced because a charge of manslaughter at common law necessitates proof of a very high degree of negligence before conviction is possible. The new clause thus tightens up the former provision by providing a new offence.

Increased Sentences

Another clause provides increases in sentences for persons driving or trying to drive under the influence of drinks or drugs "to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the motor vehicle."

On a first conviction, such a driver will be liable to a fine of \$1,000 and six months' imprisonment and for a second or subsequent conviction, a fine of \$2,000 and a year's imprisonment.

Disqualification for a first offender will be for a period of a year and for second or subsequent offence, three years.

This same clause is also made to apply to horse or other animal driven vehicles or a rickshaw, chair, bicycle or motorcycle, except that a summary conviction will mean a fine of \$500 and three months' imprisonment.

Another clause in this section provides that anyone who drives carelessly shall be liable to a fine of \$1,000 and, in the

case of a first conviction to three months' gaol and, for a second or subsequent conviction, to six months' gaol.

Another clause introduces a 30 mph speed limit on roads covered by a system of street lighting or designated as restricted by the Commissioner of Police, but not to be brought into force until the necessary signs have been erected.

Another clause introduces an automatic minimum sentence of one month's imprisonment, with certain exceptions, for the offence of driving whilst disqualified, as is provided in the United Kingdom.

GUIDE-DOG FOR BLIND PAL



"Flash", a stray greyhound from Doncaster, Yorks, is blind, but he's luckier than most blind dogs, for he now has his own guide-dog. Flash has just been adopted by Mr. G. Corbin, of Swaythling, Southampton, who also adopted "Peggy", the fox terrier, who was due to be destroyed seven years ago, and who now acts as Flash's guide-dog. Peggy, the fox terrier, is seen leading Flash on their first outing together on Saturday. —Keystone Photo.

COLONY DRUG ADDICTS ON THE INCREASE

Almost half the people sent to gaol in the last financial year were men and women charged with drug offences, according to report of the Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. C. J. Norman, released yesterday.

This includes addicts as well as traffickers.

A total of 9,400 men and women were sentenced for drug offences, all but 335 being men. The figures do not show how many others in gaol sentenced for other offences were drug addicts.

But figures given by Dr. J. R. Ling Poo, Medical Officer, Stanley Prison Hospital, show how drug addiction has increased in Hongkong in the last year.

The total number of addicts committed during the year was 8,629 compared with 3,444 the previous year.

Majority

The majority of these were in the 35-50 year age group. There were 20 addicts aged between 15-20 years in prison, but none under 15.

In an annex on Victoria Prison, Dr. C. O. Lee, the Prison Medical Officer, said: "Because of the large number of drug addicts received daily in the prison, and the limited facilities, it has not been possible to treat them on a curative and rehabilitative regime, and treatment has been confined to relieving their acute withdrawal symptoms."

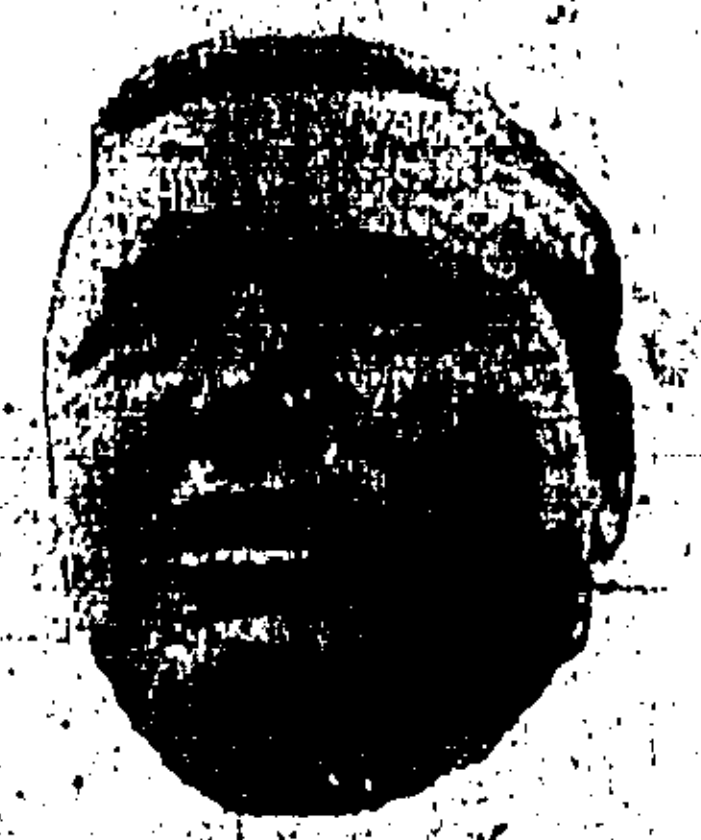
Some idea of how prevalent drug addiction is among women is given in figures supplied by Dr. C. R. Forrest, Medical Officer of Lai Chi Kok Prison who reveals there were 318 heroin addicts and 37 opium addicts.

George Dawson Bankrupt

Kingston, Sept. 26. Mr George Dawson, the London financier who made a fortune out of selling wartime scrap, was adjudged bankrupt on Tuesday.

At the Kingston county court today, Mr Cyril Newman, the senior official receiver for the London suburban district, said that on September 20 Dawson consented to be adjudged bankrupt and this was done on Tuesday.

A statement lodged by Dawson showed gross liabilities of £259,440, he said. But Dawson was disputing most of it and considered only £258,872 ranked for dividend against assets of £252,550. —China Mail Special.



FORMER YUGOSLAV VICE-PRESIDENT ON TRIAL AGAIN

Belgrade, Sept. 26.

Former Yugoslav Vice-President Milovan Djilas will be put on trial again next month for his criticism of the Communist system, his lawyer said today.

Djilas, a wartime Partisan leader and former close associate of President Tito, is in prison now for his earlier criticisms published in the Western press.

His lawyer, Veljko Kovacevic, said Djilas would be tried on October 4 on charges of trying to change the present (Communist) political and social conditions in Yugoslavia and of insulting the head of a friendly power—the Soviet Union.

Kovacevic said the charges stemmed from Djilas' new book, "The New Class", which was smuggled in manuscript form from the State prison where Djilas is serving a three-year term and published in New York.



MILOVAN DJILAS

The charges and trial date have not been confirmed by the Government and no announcement has been carried by the official Tanjug news agency.

Informed sources said the trial originally was planned for December, but was speeded up so it would be over by the time of the visit of Soviet Defence Minister Marshal Georgi Zhukov. The sources said bringing Djilas to trial would help smooth relations between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union for the Zhukov visit.

Yugoslavia and the entire Soviet bloc have denounced the Djilas book. It argues that the new class created by Communism is far worse than the old royalty the Communist revolution turned out.—United Press.

Assassination Attempt

Belfast, Sept. 26. Irish nationalist extremists last night tried to assassinate a Northern Ireland police chief with a bomb concealed in his car, police here stated officially today.

The bomb exploded but the official, Inspector Albert H. Kennedy, Northern Ireland Deputy Chief of Police, escaped unhurt.—China Mail Special.

San Marino Invites Observers

San Marino, Sept. 26. The Communist rulers of tiny San Marino announced today that they will invite the United Nations Organisation to send observers to the special elections called for November 3.

The decision was announced in a communique issued to the press by the two Communist Socialist Captains-Regent who have been directing the affairs of the 36-square-mile republic since its Grand and General Council was dissolved on September 19.

In addition to UN observers, the rulers said they would invite observers from Western countries, including the US, Britain and France.—United Press.

Duke's Master Was Former Communist

London, Sept. 26. One of Prince Philip's former schoolmasters has resigned from the Communist Party, the Daily Mail reports today.

The newspaper says the 42-year-old Mr Peter Smith, one-time mathematics master at Gordonstoun where Prince Philip was educated in the 1930s.

Mr Smith, tall and fair-haired, was an unsuccessful Communist candidate at the 1950 general election. The Daily Mail says he became a master at Kurt Hahn, famous school in Morayshire, Scotland, after leaving Cambridge.

Prince Philip "knew him well," the newspaper adds. Since the war he has been working as a top technical engineer.—China Mail Special.

Robin Hood Robbed

Nottingham, Sept. 26. Police here tonight searched for the thief who stole a four-foot arches arrow from the statue of Robin Hood—the

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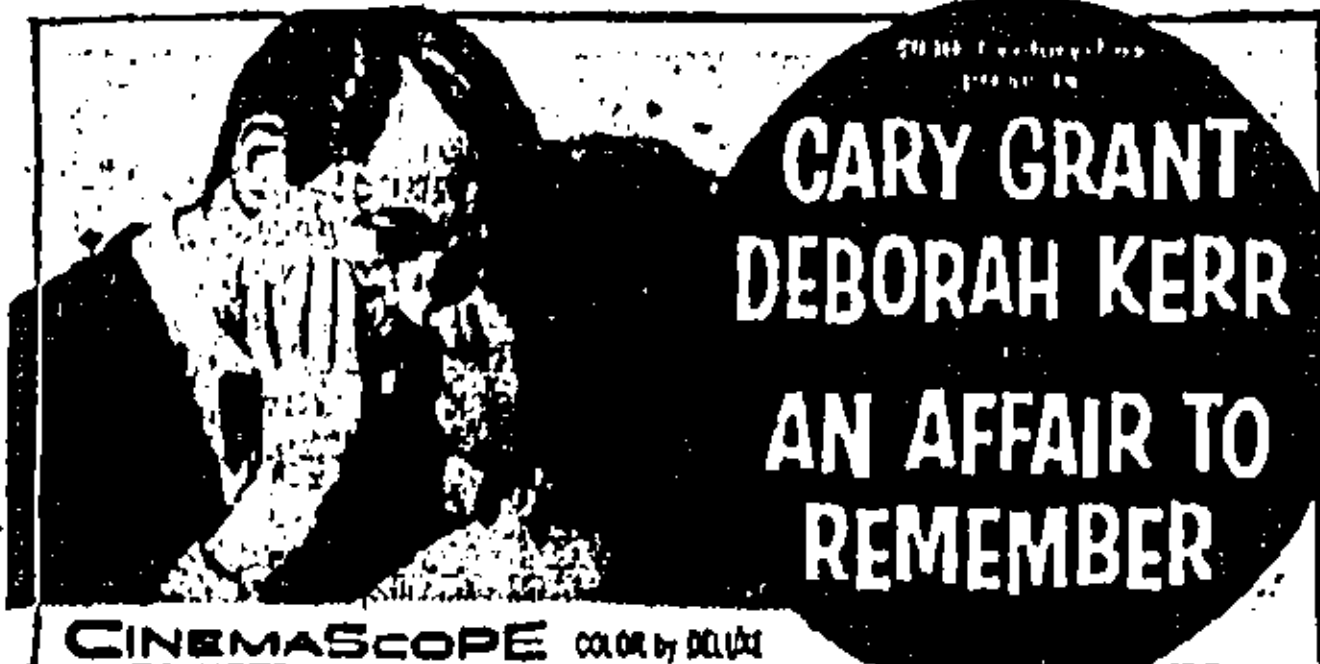
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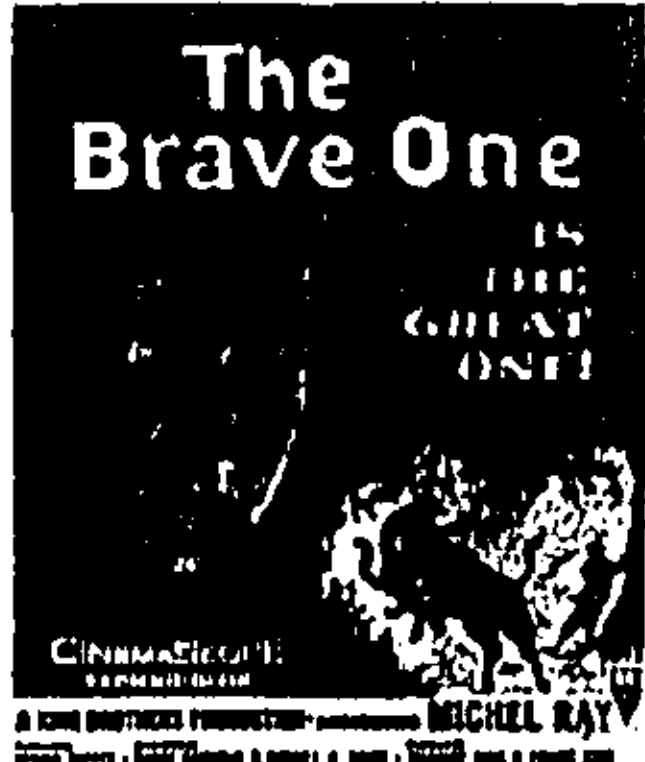
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REPORTS
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Warsaw, Sept. 26. Exhaustive checks today with sources in Warsaw, Gdansk and Gdynia on rumours which circulated in some press circles here last night that there was a strike or near-strike situation in the northern Polish port and city of Gdansk have proved negative.

Early today the Polish Press Agency correspondent in Gdansk, Poland's sixth biggest city with a population of 250,000, said all was quiet in the shipyards, the city and the port.

ALL NORMAL

Further reports later today from Gdansk and the neighbouring port and city of Gdynia also said the situation there was normal.

But the inquiries disclosed that there was considerable unrest in Gdynia last month and a strike was then threatened by port workers in Gdynia who demanded more wages, according to one usually well-informed source.

The Chairman of the Gdynia-Gdansk Port Authority, Mr Rudowski, was dismissed from his post, and the situation quieted down.

FORTUNES

Dockers earning up to 1,500 zlotys (about £130) a month are understood to be bitter about the "fortunes," which Polish sailors have been making from short trips to foreign ports, where they have bought large quantities of foreign goods and sold them on their return to Poland at inflated prices.

Steps taken recently by the Polish Government to counter these activities include higher customs duties on many commodities in short supply here and a new drive to tighten "discipline" on board Polish ships.—Reuter.

FRENCH
AIRLINER
FIRED ON

Algiers, Sept. 26. Tunisian-based machine guns fired on a French airliner today, French Army sources charged.

The military also said that a French fighter plane was fired on yesterday. Neither plane was struck.

Both incidents took place near the Algerian-Tunisian frontier about 25 miles north of the Algerian rail junction of Tebessa, the sources said.

FOREIGN OFFICE

The army has informed the French Foreign Office.

These are the latest incidents in a series of charges, denials and counter charges that have brought Franco-Tunisian relations to a new low. Tunisia has declared it is about to receive arms from Egypt and Italy "to defend ourselves against French incursions"—United Press.

PAVEMENT
STALLS
CLOSED

Saigon, Sept. 26. Saigon prefectural officials have ordered Vietnamese operating pavement stalls on two streets to move while allowing Chinese stall keepers to remain, Saigon newspapers said.

The newspapers said Vietnamese were ordered to move because their stalls were constructed from boards and sheet metal. But the Chinese were allowed to remain because their stalls were built of brick and tile.

Prefectural officials want temporary structures removed from pavements before the Colombo Plan conference opens, newspapers said.—United Press.

'Poison Paint' Warning
On Japanese Toys
Propaganda Attack

Say TOY IMPORTERS

By BARBARA BUNDSCHU

New York, Sept. 26.

Paint off "Made In Japan" toys was examined in test tubes across the US and across the Pacific today to determine whether it really can harm American children as reported. One New York toy importer charged the "poison paint" warning was a propaganda attack by American toy makers on Japan's US\$80 to US\$60 million share of the US's US\$750 million annual toy wholesale business.

Other import and retail sources, who refused to be quoted, said they "smelled a rat" in the timing of the report at the beginning of the big Christmas buying season.

Policy Change

The warning—that five randomly-purchased Japanese metal autos and a toy electric fan were painted with colours which appeared to be dangerously high in lead content—was issued to State and City Public Health Departments last week by the Toy Guidance Council, Inc., which is supported by US toy manufacturers and dealers.

The Council said it had discovered the danger while testing toys preparatory to changing its policy to recommend foreign as well as American playthings to US buyers.

Council President Melvin Freud said differences in the reports of four separate laboratories led him to believe they were not conclusive of danger—but they did make up the Council's mind not to change its policy, and to warn Health Departments.

No Reports

One State was said to have called for federal and police help to track down potential killer toys, but most health authorities were less excited by the possible danger.

New York City authorities were running their own tests but said they had no report of any child poisoned by paint from a toy in recent memory. Sixty-six cases of lead poisoning, and nine deaths from it, have occurred this year in the City, but in almost all cases the children had been poisoned by eating old paint off walls, windowsills or furniture.

One large importer of Japanese toys said he had had all his stock tested and found no high lead content paint on them. A large New York department store ran all its Japanese toy stock through tests and said preliminary reports showed no violation of the store's firm contract stipulation that there be no lead in the paint on any playthings sold to it.

Co-operation

Spokesman for the Japan Trade Centre here said tests were being made both in New York and Tokyo to determine if any potentially dangerous lead content is present on Japanese toys. He said Japanese export standards are based on American standards. He declined further comment until tests have been completed.

The Public Health Service (PHS) in Washington today checked reports some of the toy importers from Japan could endanger children's health. A spokesman said the Japanese Embassy had offered its full co-operation in the investigation.

The Health Service and other government agencies in Washington said there's no federal law governing the quantity of lead in paint used for toys, but the PHS keeps tabs on products that may be potentially dangerous.

Even if a toy is painted with a lead-based paint there is no danger to a child unless he chews it and swallows some of the paint, health authorities said.

Denies Report

Melvin Freud indignantly denied the report on the paint tests was designed as propaganda of any kind. He noted that the Council had made no public announcement of its findings but had spoken publicly only after the news had been made public by Health Departments receiving the report.

He said that laboratory reports had been received today on three additional Japanese-made toys which showed further use of lead paint. The newly tested items were a red roadster, a flashlight jeep and an electric train set, Freud said, which showed percentages of lead ranging from 3.3 to 12.7, according to laboratory reports.—United Press.

Not So Hard, Mum



When the Mammoth-baby, Habib, arrived into this world at the beginning of the month his weight was 75 lbs. and his height 6 feet. Shortly afterwards it presented itself with his mother Lotte proudly to the photographer at the Zoo in Frankfurt.—Keystone Photo.

JAPAN EXPECTED
TO GET INTO
SECURITY COUNCIL

New York, Sept. 26.

Elections to the United Nations Security Council, Economic and Social Council, Trusteeship Council and the International Court of Justice will take place next Tuesday, it was announced today.

The Security Council and the General Assembly will meet simultaneously to elect five members to the 15-member World Court.

Three vacancies falling at the end of this year have to be filled on the 11-nation Security Council. The principal candidates are Japan, Canada, Panama, and Czechoslovakia.

Informed sources said that they expected Japan to be chosen to succeed the Philippines; Canada to follow Australia; and Panama to succeed Cuba.

PROMOTION

Mr Vasily Kuznetsov, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, has called a press conference for tomorrow, and informants said its main purpose was to promote the candidacy of Czechoslovakia against Japan.

Czechoslovakia seeks the seat now held by the Philippines because this used to be occupied by a representative of the Eastern European Group, under a 1948 agreement to distribute membership on a broad geographical basis.

1948 PACT

At that time, Britain and the Soviet Union both backed Yugoslavia. The United States supported the Philippines, asserting that the 1948 pact was for that year's elections only.

This year, Britain has shifted position and has joined the United States in backing Japan.

One reason for this, authoritative sources said, was that Britain was anxious to have as many "security powers" as possible on the Council, and Japan was so regarded.—Reuter.

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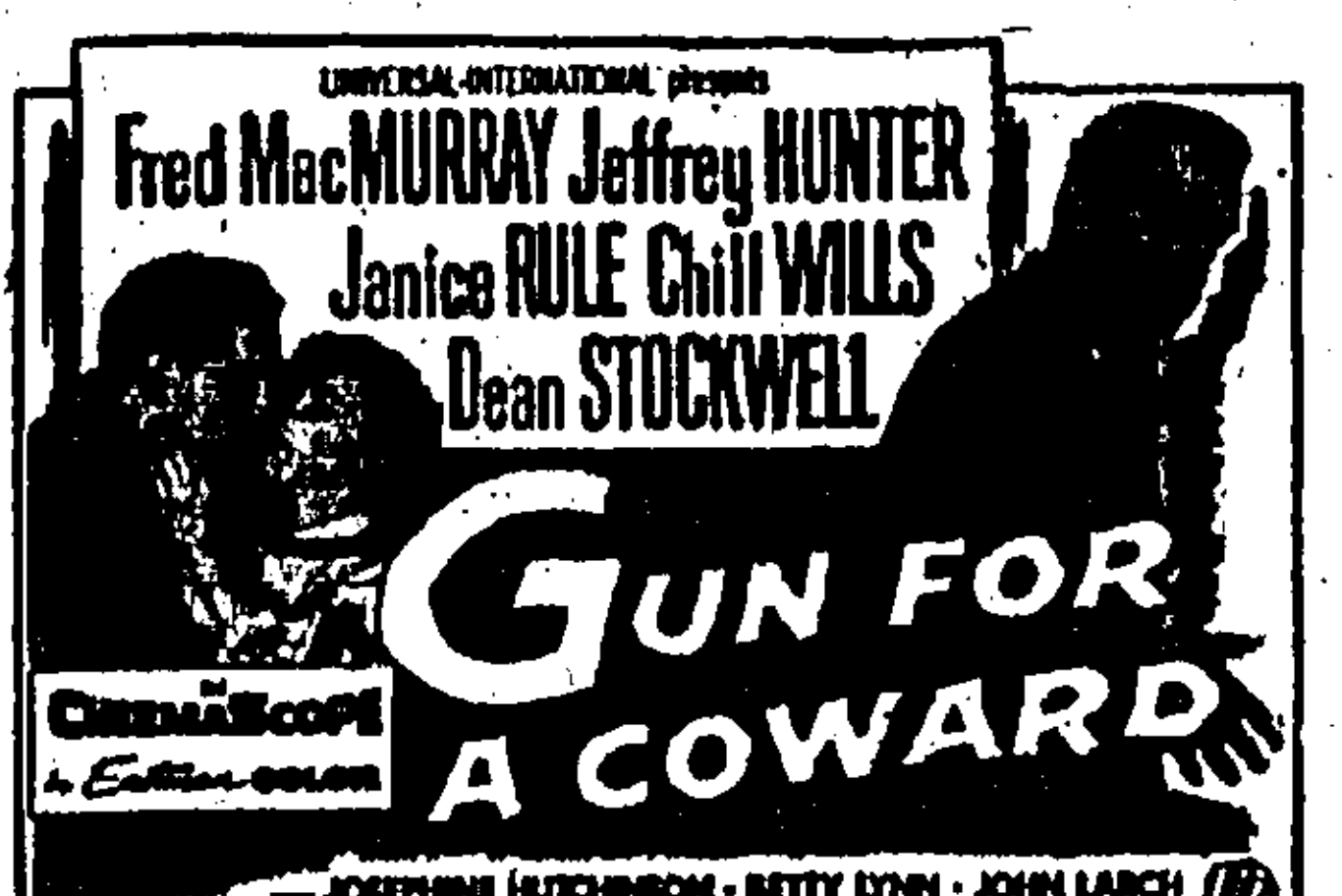


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COMPROMISE ON ALGERIAN BILL?

Provisions Needed For Protecting European Settlers

By HAROLD KING

Paris, Sept. 26. Cabinet ministers and opposition leaders were tonight together searching for changes in the Algerian reform bill that would enable a big majority of the National Assembly to vote in its favour.

Today's speeches by the chief opposition leader, M. Jacques Soustelle, the former Governor-General of Algeria, and M. Robert Lacoste, the Government's "strong man" behind the military campaign in North Africa, were both temperate in tone and reflected willingness on both sides to form a united national front on this issue.

The behind-the-scenes negotiations centred on ways and means of safeguarding the European minority under a system of equal voting right in

a country where the Europeans are numbered eight to one. There was talk of introducing a provision for the protection and representation of minorities similar to provisions existing in the constitution of West Germany.

A Rejection

While the tempo of the National Assembly had moved from sharp hostility yesterday to a more conciliatory mood today, the situation was quite different in the Council of the Republic.

In the Upper House Algeria is still directly represented by senators elected before the rebellion started nearly three years ago.

These senators refuse to consider the reform bill in any circumstances and their influence is expected to lead to the rejection of the bill by the Upper House.

The National Assembly, being sovereign, can override the Senate.

But if the Senate rejects a bill by an absolute majority the National Assembly in turn can only re-establish the bill by voting it by an absolute majority of its own.

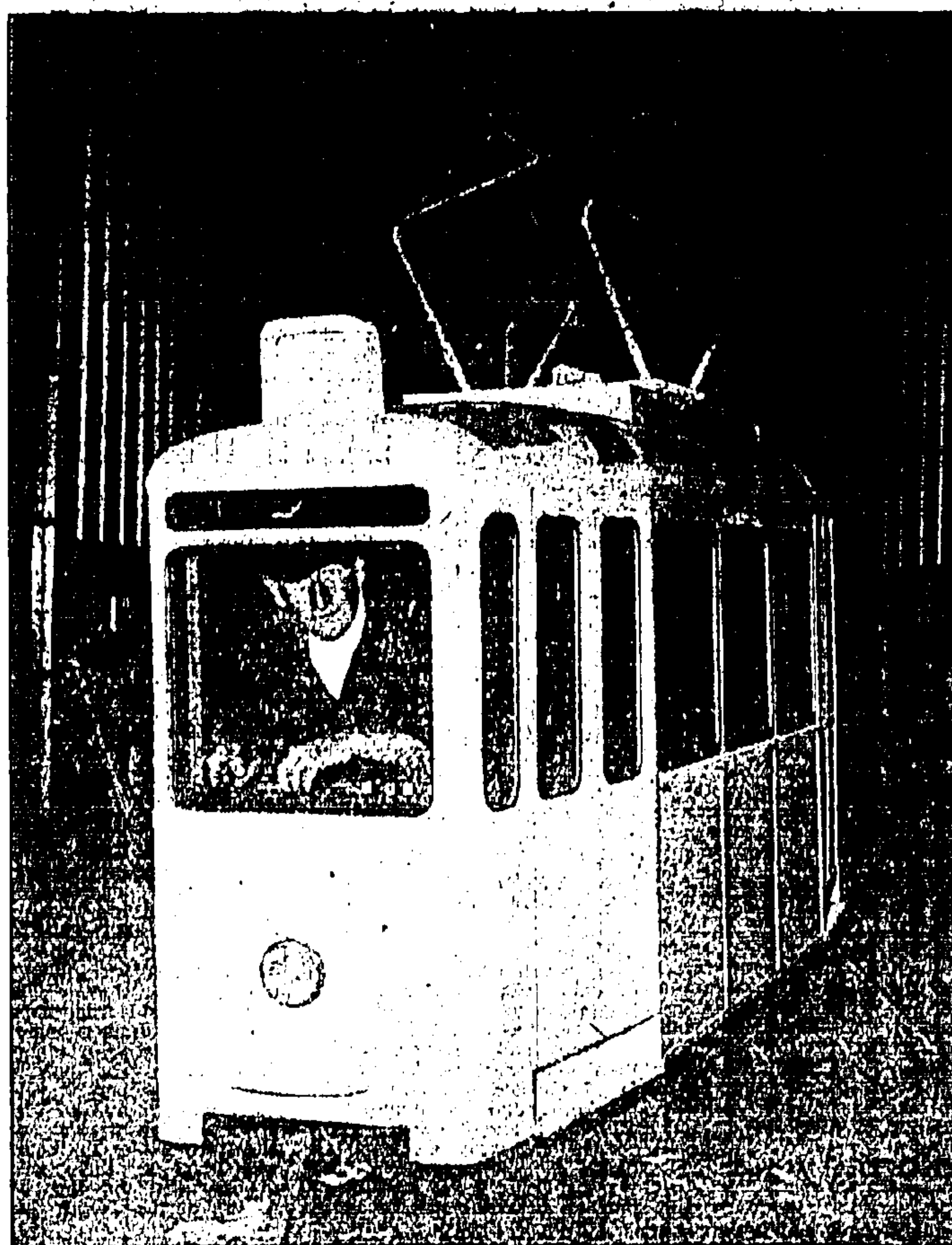
To Reconcile

The Government's efforts tonight to reconcile all or some of the moderate Conservatives to the Algerian reform bill were aimed at producing an absolute majority in the National Assembly on the first vote, which is expected to be taken on Saturday. In this case doubt about the future fate of the bill could subside, whatever action the Council of the Republic took subsequently.

While the passage of the Algerian reform bill seemed reasonably assured tonight the continuation of the Government in office seemed less assured. The young Prime Minister M. Maurice Bourges-Maunoury has many critics in all parties who feel that since he unexpectedly was promoted to the rank of Prime Minister three months ago, he has not shown sufficient qualities of leadership and decision.

It is on the cards, Assembly lobby gossips said tonight, that if the Algerian bill is safely voted on Saturday, the Government may find itself voted out of office on Monday, when a vote of censure by the farmers' leaders is due to be taken. — China Mail Special.

This Is No Toy It's Real



No toy, but a real street-car with an electro-motor. It will serve the school children for practical traffic education in Erlau near Düsseldorf. — Keystone Photo.

UK-Japan Pact On N-Plants Talks

London, Sept. 27. The "Financial Times" said this morning that Mr. Fujiyama, Japanese Foreign Minister, would discuss a United Kingdom-Japan agreement on the supply of nuclear power plant and research reactors.

The paper declared: "Such an agreement is necessary before Japan can purchase an atomic power station in this country."

A Japanese delegation, led by Mr. S. Matsui, arrived here on Wednesday to examine the possibility of the purchase of an atomic reactor by a group of Japanese private companies.

ECONOMICS

"As the question of UK hydrogen bomb tests opens there are no outstanding political problems of importance affecting the two countries, it is expected that Fujiyama will devote most of his attention to economic matters."

It is known that Japan is concerned at the possibly harmful effects which the common market and proposed free trade area may have on Japanese exports to member countries, and this is one problem which Mr. Fujiyama will thus wish to discuss.

"He will also no doubt bring up the continued discrimination practised by the United Kingdom against Japan under Article XXIV of the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade, whereby the UK denies Japan most-favoured-nation treatment." — France-Press.

Prince Charles's Teacher Said:

The Queen Played Football & The Duke Ate With Fingers

Paris, Sept. 26. Bibiane de Roujoux, a 27-year-old French girl, who went to Balmoral to be a French teacher of Prince Charles and Princess Anne, said today in an article in the weekly France-Dimanche that the Queen often played football with them, always as goal-keeper.

Mlle de Roujoux spent a month with the Royal Family, which she described as "like a fairy tale". She said that life was very simple at Balmoral, although sometimes she had to change her clothes four times in a day.

OUTDOOR STOVE

Mlle de Roujoux said Prince Philip was an excellent cook, and often prepared meals on an outdoor stove. She related that he always gave the right preparation to steaks and to frankfurters, never burning them. Sometimes, he even ate with his fingers, she said.

"The cooking at Balmoral is excellent," the French teacher said. "It is not typically English and one often has the impression of eating as in France. Anne and Charles are not difficult and eat everything. They adore honey and jam."

Mlle de Roujoux, a blonde, blue-eyed secretary in Paris, called the Royal Family "the most adorable family in the world." She said Prince Charles and Princess Anne were "very tender, adorable and affectionate."

LITTLE DEVILS

But once she called them "really little devils" because of their pranks. They often hid her bicycle. They put an onion powder under the nose of Prince Philip and frightened

Request To Continue Search

Bonn, Sept. 26. The West German Government today asked the American naval forces not to abandon their search for survivors of the windjammer "Pamir", which sank last Saturday.

At the request of the Federal Minister of Transport, Vice-Admiral Friedrich Ruge, Inspector-General of the West German Fleet, asked the American military attaché in Bonn to have the search continued.

The German authorities believed there were still chances of finding some survivors alive. — France-Press.

LIZARD BANNED FROM CITY

East Lansing, Mich., Sept. 26. New York may not have found its missing platypus but East Lansing's missing five-foot-long Indiana lizard was located yesterday.

However, police gave him until midnight to get lost again. Liza, a pet of the FBI Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity at Michigan

State University, strayed from home six weeks ago and frightened several women and children before he

was found. Police told his owner, Herbert Wendt, possession of Liza in the East Lansing City limits was a violation of a City Ordinance and he might be prosecuted if the lizard was found.

Liza, apparently frozen out of hiding by the cold weather, was found in an alley just west of the city limits. Police said they would take no action against Wendt if he had Liza out of town by sun-down.

Wendt agreed and reluctantly shipped Liza to the East Lansing Lizard Farm near Detroit, Michigan. — United Press.

FRANCE'S 'MR 20 PER CENT' SUES MANUFACTURER WHO REFUSES TO SUPPLY HIM

Paris, Sept. 26.

Marcel Gattegno, known as "Mr 20 Per Cent", an enterprising Frenchman who has tried to introduce the American-type of "Discount House" to his own country, today sued a manufacturer who refused to supply him with merchandise.

US ARMY ALERTS TROOPS IN SOUTH

Revoked By Secretary

Washington, Sept. 26.

The United States Army Secretary, Mr. Wilber Brucker, tonight revoked an order alerting selected Army units in America's Southern States to deal with possible outbreaks of violence arising from the integration of Negro and white pupils in schools.

In a brief statement, Mr. Brucker said he had learned today about the order putting the Third and Fourth Army commands at Atlanta, Georgia, and San Antonio, Texas, on a special alert basis.

"I have ordered that it be revoked immediately," he said. Mr. Murray Snyder, Assistant Secretary of defence, who read the statement, said that he understood the original alert "instruction" was of a routine nature concerned with the training of regular Army troops in what they should do to aid civilian authorities in times of emergencies.

Did Not Know

He did not know when the earlier order had gone out, but he believed it referred to long standing sections of the Army's training manual relating to Army activities among civilians.

However, a four-man team of military test gas experts was sent to Little Rock, Arkansas, from Fort Myer, Virginia today. The four soldiers took with them what was described as the normal equipment for the soldier in case of riots. — Reuter & France-Press.

Bangkok, Sept. 26.

The provisional government of Nal Pote Sarasin will serve until elections are held in three months' time, a Royal decree announced today. — Reuter.

Archbishop Supports Report

York, Sept. 26.

The Archbishop of York, Dr. A. M. Ramsey, one of the leaders of the Church of England, today supported the main proposals of a recent Government-appointed committee for a change in Britain's vice laws.

The report of the Wolfenden Committee recommended that homosexuality in private between consenting adults should no longer be a criminal offence and that there should be more severe punishments for street prostitution.

Dr. Ramsey said it was much to be desired that the Government would introduce legislation to give effect to the main recommendations. — China Mail Special.

Poor Eddie

Fort Worth, Sept. 26.

They all laughed when Eddie Jones complained from his cell daily for 27 days that they had arrested the wrong man. The laughter ceased yesterday when they discovered they had, and freed Eddie. — United Press.

The "Discount House", a multi-million-dollar business development in the United States, sells all its products, most of them nationally advertised name brands, at prices far below most other shops. It makes its profit margin smaller on each item, but sells in an enormous volume for greater overall profit.

OTHERS FOLLOW

Gattegno visited the United States in 1954 and decided to introduce the idea to France. Several other Frenchmen have followed his lead. Now Gattegno has run into a similar obstacle as the early Discount House did in America—antagonism of his business rivals, who have encouraged manufacturers to withhold their products from him because he undercut them on prices.

In the United States, the court battle has been largely resolved in favour of free enterprise.

The Discount Houses, selling radios, cameras, household goods, and every type of manufactured item, have become a \$20,000,000,000 a year business in America.

In New York alone, it is estimated that 85 per cent of all electrical appliances are bought in Discount Houses. Gattegno said his business in France had risen to more than a million dollars last year, and he was opening new branches. He is suing one of France's biggest manufacturers (a group of violators of a June 30, 1946 law, prohibiting action, tending directly or indirectly to prevent a reduction in prices).

SMALL STAFF

He said he was able to cut costs by eliminating home delivery service, having a small staff and no credit facilities. "All my articles are guaranteed for a year," he said. "I sell the same articles that others sell, but for 20 per cent less. I still make a profit." Gattegno's opponents declared: "We believe M. Gattegno cannot ensure the sale of these goods under normal conditions. Appliances are complicated. They need proper demonstration and service. The decree of August 9, 1953 authorises us to refuse to supply any buyer who acts in bad faith."

The outcome of the case may affect the entire pattern of French retail trade, as it has in the United States. — France-Press.

THE SKELETON

IN the Skeleton Crossword the black squares and clue numbers have to be filled in as well as the words. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start. The black squares

form a symmetrical pattern; the top half matches the bottom half and the two sides correspond with those given.

ACROSS

1. Poet among the employees?

2. General idea of the current trend?

3. The real difference may be found underneath.

4. Last letter from some gangster.

5. Does it make a right angle?

6. It's a matter of principle.

7. Where the broken idol can make a sphinx.

8. Quick nervous kiss for a film star.

9. Does the ankle-joint need tightening when you get the wand?

10. Raise the wind for publicity purposes?

11. Back together!

12. Cuddly chief?

13. Beasty money!

14. May be right but not wrong.

15. Relatives one may go to see in hospital.

16. Union of unkindness.

17. Doesn't like to receive a setback after indicating amusement.

DOWN

1. They seem to make a mess of the games they don't like.

2. A leader naturally is in front.

3. Reading for somewhere to live?

4. Regretted for being driven to work? (three words).

5. May show one is getting better by degrees.

6. Dose for the doctor one morning.

7. I'm on time to see the picture.

8. Is wearing a watch all they have to do?

9. Away from the danger of the highlands?

10. Girl in a hole at orribage?

11. The fun you can have in the highlands?

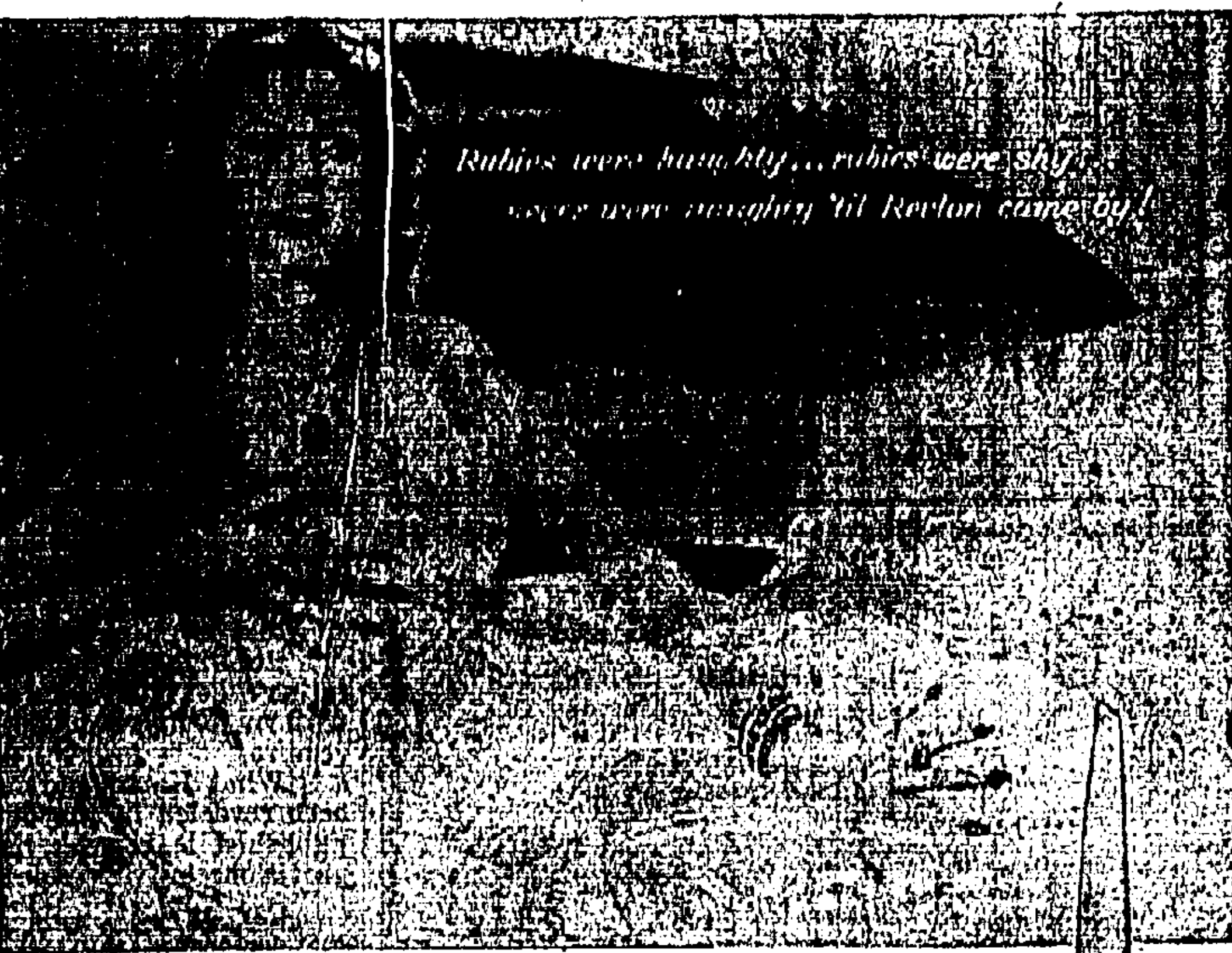
12. Land in an illuminated condition.

13. It may be the gate to keep up the pace!

14. Hurry to the spot!

THURSDAY'S SOLUTION

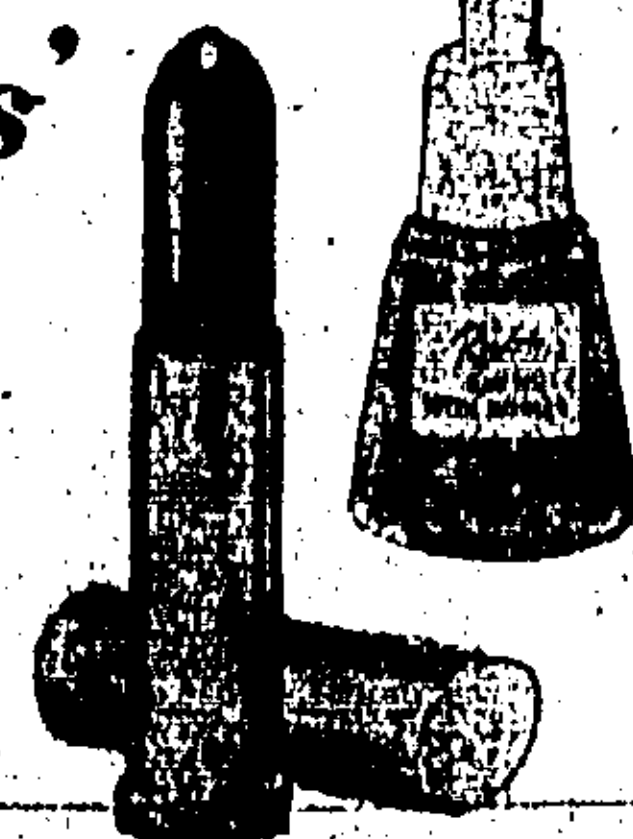
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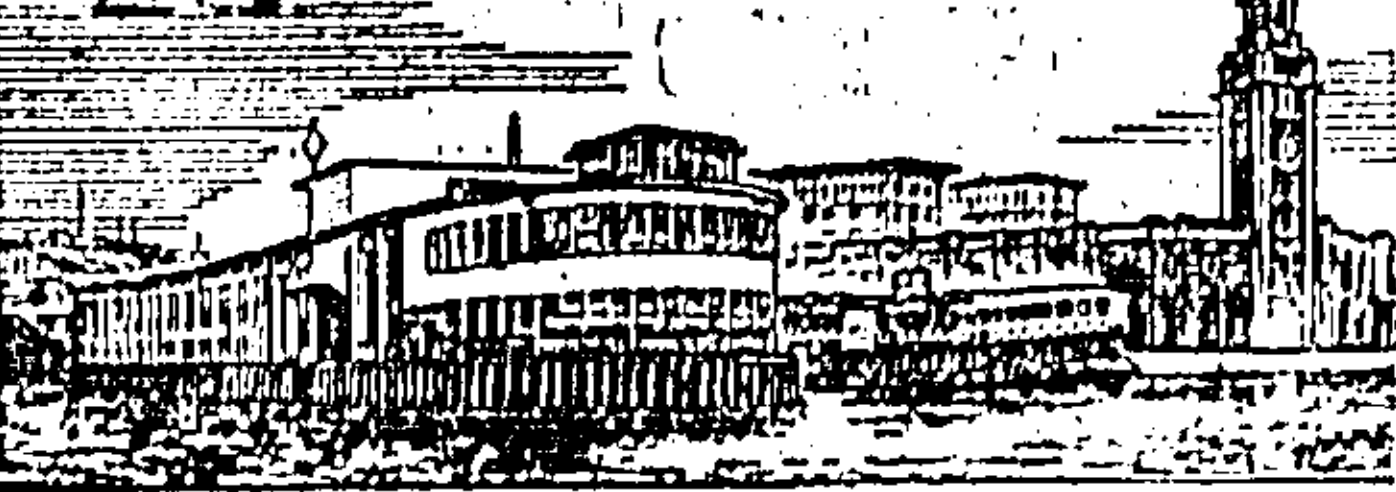
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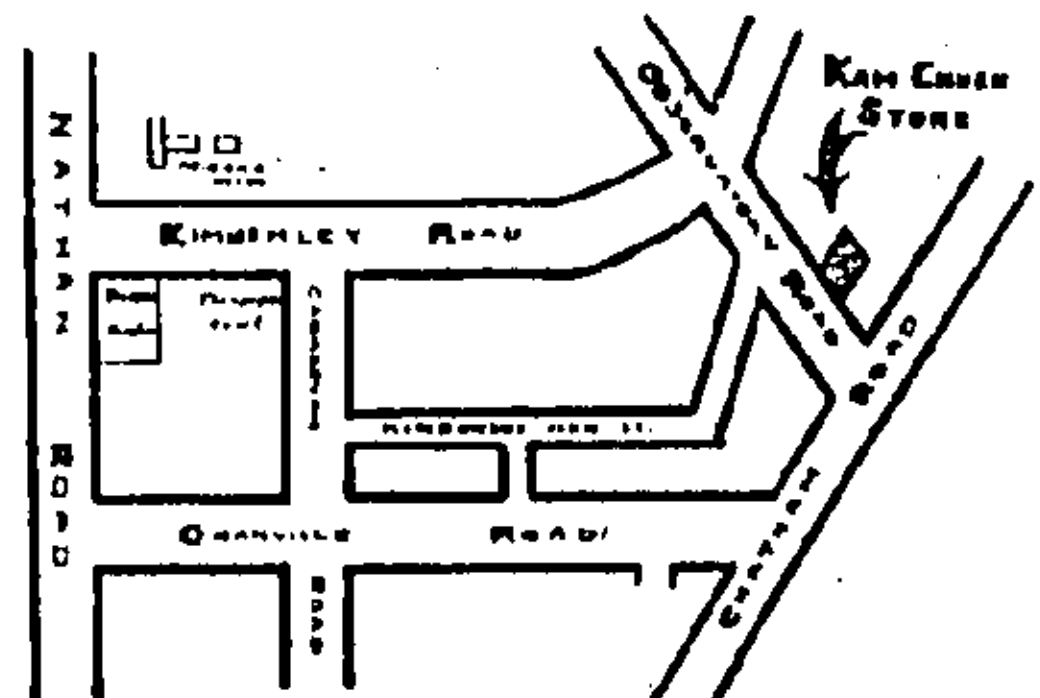
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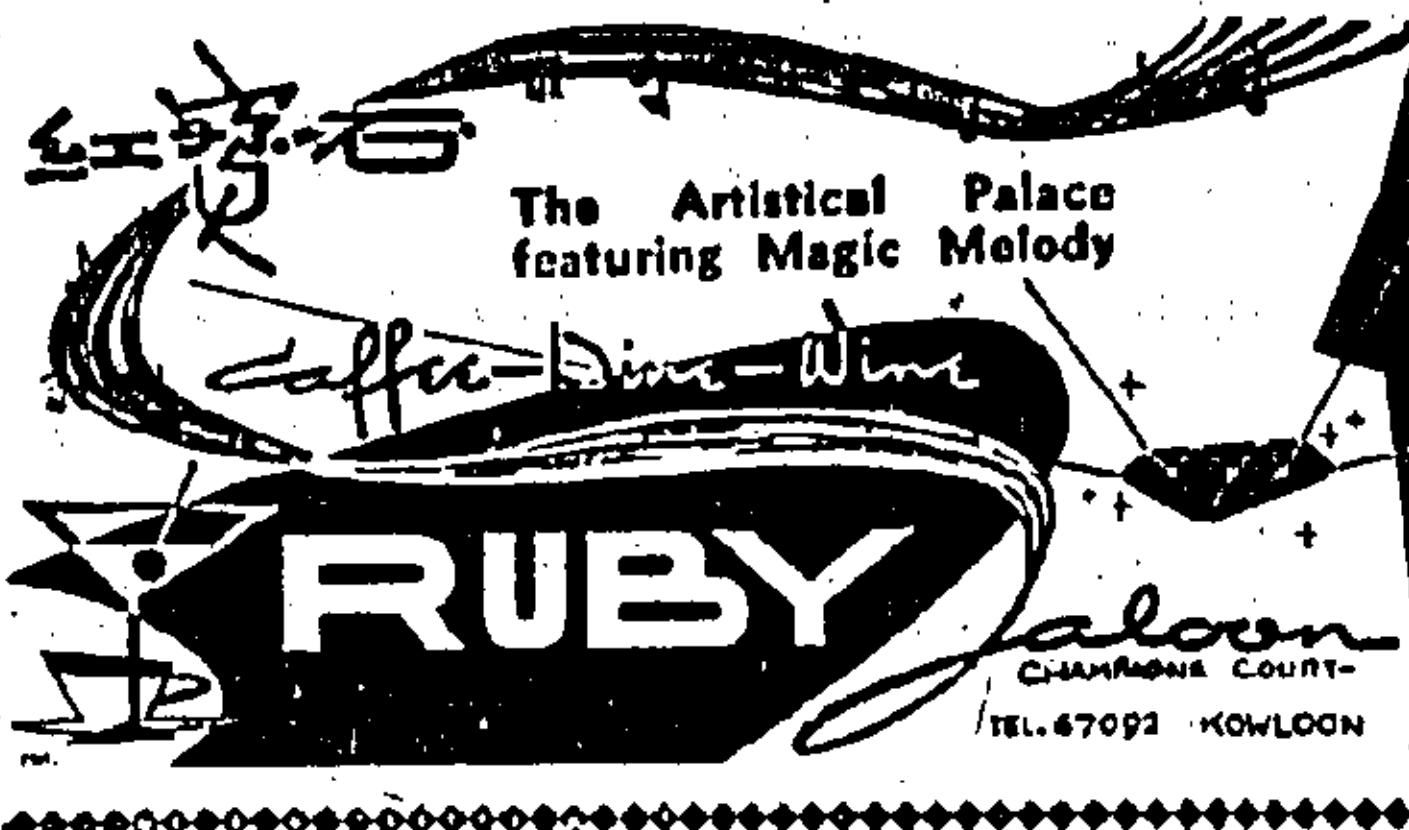
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WHAT KIND OF GERMANY HAS RISEN FROM THE DEBRIS OF THE WAR?

THIS letter is being written on a tiny flower-festooned balcony in Bayreuth, Germany. My wife, my daughter and myself managed by considerable effort to secure tickets for the annual summer Wagner Festival which has raised this provincial town to the level of a musical shrine which draws its devotees from the whole civilised world.

Having driven our car from London to the coast, with my two females alternating at the wheel, we were put on board an aeroplane which whisked us across the Channel in less time than it would take for a London omnibus at a normal hour to grope its way from Piccadilly Circus to Oxford Circus.

To use the language of more elegant times our objective was to "be" at Brussels for the first night of our trip. Thus we began our drive across Belgium and saw the famous beaches of Dunkirk now crowded with people lying almost naked in the sun or plunging into the waters that had saved civilisation by their kindly mood in the hour of fate.

For those of us who were in the first war a tour across Western Europe is always fraught with memories. Every river in France ran blood and every town in the North seems to have given the name to a battle.

Waterloo
It was shortly after eight o'clock when we reached the famous square of Brussels and put up at an hotel that is as modern and shiny as anything New York could offer. Brussels, incidentally, is in a state of great excitement. Its long planned exhibition will open next year and in preparation thereof every second public building is either knocked down or having its face changed. As for the roadways there are so many temporary detours that even the traffic police can only wave their hands like an orchestral conductor until in desperation we take any road that offers a clear hundred yards.

After some argument with my two ladies I secured their agreement that we would visit the house where the great battle was given on the eve of Waterloo, and would then motor the necessary ten miles and have a look at the battlefield itself. They said that this would alter our time-table and that we could see the battlefield another time but I insisted that it was now or never. Unfortunately no one in Brussels seemed to know where the battlefield really was although most of the people to whom we put the question had

theories on the subject. When for the third time we passed our hotel which had left two hours ago we threw in our hand and accepted defeat. But now I know what Wellington meant when he muttered "Night or Blucher." Wellington had stayed in Brussels and probably knew how difficult it was to find the battlefield.

Just one last word about this historic city which will be visited next year by people from the whole world. The character has changed remarkably with the impact of modern architecture. It has as many neon lights as Chicago on a Saturday night and the office buildings are like tall biscuit tins with all the windows. As far as the exterior is concerned they could have been designed by a backward boy of fifteen.

Cologne

Fortunately the Roman Catholic Church admits no compromise. May my grandfather (who always rode a white horse on Orangemen's Day) forgive me for these words but Catholicism seems the one unchanging influence in the Western Europe of today. Its spires, so carefully and cleverly un Bombed, still reach to the sky. And so in due course we came to Cologne, that lovely ancient city on the Rhine which was reduced by the R.A.F. bombers to a defiant cathedral and a mass of rubble where the people breathed through holes and lived like rats until daylight brought each night of

terror to an end. At Westminister we used to watch from the terrace as the bombers passed over us in an endless convoy of death. They flew in perfect formation and at their height seemed to be merely cruising. Squadron after squadron, so close that their wings seemed bound to touch. Their target seemed always the same—the ancient city on the Rhine.

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GERMAN LETTER by Sir Beverley Baxter MP

so that they could get air into their cellars. When then Cologne today? Its elegance and beauty are gone but a slick modern city has arisen on its ashes. Once more we have this soap box architecture with endless windows cut to an exact utility pattern. We had to destroy Cologne to save civilisation but in the process civilisation paid a heavy price.

Frankfurt

There is one element, however, which mocks the carnage of war. You can destroy a city but you cannot destroy the good earth of the countryside. In Germany and France, despite their endless wars, the rolling farmlands and the leafy woods proclaim alike the immortality of the soil and the soul. After an early supper at an open air cafe a few miles beyond Cologne we began our journey to Frankfurt some 120

miles distant. Poor Hitler! For a maniac he had some damned good ideas and one of them was to build dual highways which would permit him to move his armies at lightning speed from one front to the other. On each side the road is divided into two sections with the left half for those who want to travel at maximum speed and the other half for mere plodders at fifty or sixty miles an hour.

All across Germany the lorries make their way by day

and night over the roads that were to make Hitler the conqueror of Europe. Because the highways were built away from the towns and villages the lorry drivers sometimes fall asleep from the unbroken monotony and bloody disaster ensues. It was about 10 o'clock that night when we reached Frankfurt and pulled up at the hotel where we had engaged rooms. Two small boys in page's uniforms smilingly welcomed us as if the whole thing were part of a modern Rosenkavalier. The streets were crowded with American soldiers, both black and white, in convoy with the local girls; and from the cafes and dance dumps came the sound of revelry by night. Yet there was one thing, seemingly unimportant yet pregnant with meaning, in the booklet of the week's events handed to us by the courteous hotel manager, there was the announcement of the weekly meeting of the Jewish Society.

How that must torture Hitler's spirit if there is any contact between this world and the next.

There are some advantages in being a member of Parliament and one of them on this occasion was a message from the Mayor that he was sending his principal housing officer to show us how Frankfurt had dealt with the problems of rebuilding itself into a city when the war ended. Like Cologne the cathedral had suffered no irretrievable damage although horror and destruction had rained all around it. The only possible way of re-creating Frankfurt was to place the whole thing in the hands of the local council aided and partially financed by that inspired act of American generosity known as Marshall Aid. It is easy to satirise the Americans but there are few things in history more worthy of praise than the way dollars were poured into the stricken continent when the blasphemy of war had ended.

Cathedral

But wisely the city fathers of Frankfurt refused to take the view that houses must be rushed into being with no thought of the future. Thus when they built post-war housing estates the cathedral it was planned that nothing should obstruct the view of the cathedral spires. The children playing in the grass allotments could not only feel the nearness of the cathedral but see the steeple with their eyes. Wherever there was a chance to give horizon to the allotments the planning authority acted accordingly. Thus they went against the very basis of the German character by doing everything possible to avoid uniformity. Even the shops were brought into the scheme.

In fact as we were taken from one district to another we saw this city which in the war was often "target for tonight," transformed into a community of villas embroidered with flowers.

Every town planning officer in Canada, America and Great Britain should be sent to Frankfurt to see how beauty and utility can be wedded to the delight of the senses and the exaltation of the soul.

Bayreuth

It was almost with sadness that we said good-bye and turned our car towards Bayreuth—that shrine and home of the Wagner family where the immortal Richard wrote music of such neurotic genius that it made ordinary Germans imagine themselves as gods in Valhalla and where Adolf Hitler came to bow in veneration before the amiable Siegfried, the son of Richard, who had few of his father's gifts but enjoyed the visits of the greatest of all ham actors, the Führer.

Now we shall set our compass for Munich where Chamberlain was either the dupe, or else, with his umbrella, he tricked Hitler into delaying his war until Britain was better prepared. That is the verdict yet to be declared by history. Afterwards we shall visit the castle where the mad King Ludwig was so overcome by Wagner's genius that he used to have private performances of his operas in a castle pitched precariously on a mountain top. Will there be another Wagner some day? Will there be another Hitler? Germany is the big quarry on the map of Europe, second only to the middle of the Russian. But if Europe is ever destroyed by a Nuclear war, civilisation itself will be buried in the ruins.

Paris Newsletter Behind the new Aga stands the Begum

Paris.
WHO will be the effective Regent, as it were, during the early years of the new 20-year-old Aga Khan's spiritual reign over 15 million Islamites?

Referring obliquely to this problem after his grandfather's death, Karim said: "My grandfather advised me to turn to his widow, the Begum, for any advice I may require."

What Karim did not reveal then, and what has not been revealed in the details of the late Aga Khan's will, published last week, is that, in fact, he made binding provisions on this point before his death.

The Aga, in his will, stated that he wished the Begum to act as the sole adviser of his successor for seven years after his death.

The only reason this provision in the will has not so far been made public is a desire to spare the feelings of other members of the family and especially the new Aga's father, Aly Khan. With this decision, the late Aga has placed enormous power in the hands of this remarkable 60-year-old woman.

He has also run the risk, of which the Begum is perfectly conscious, of straining family relations.

A GREAT ASSET

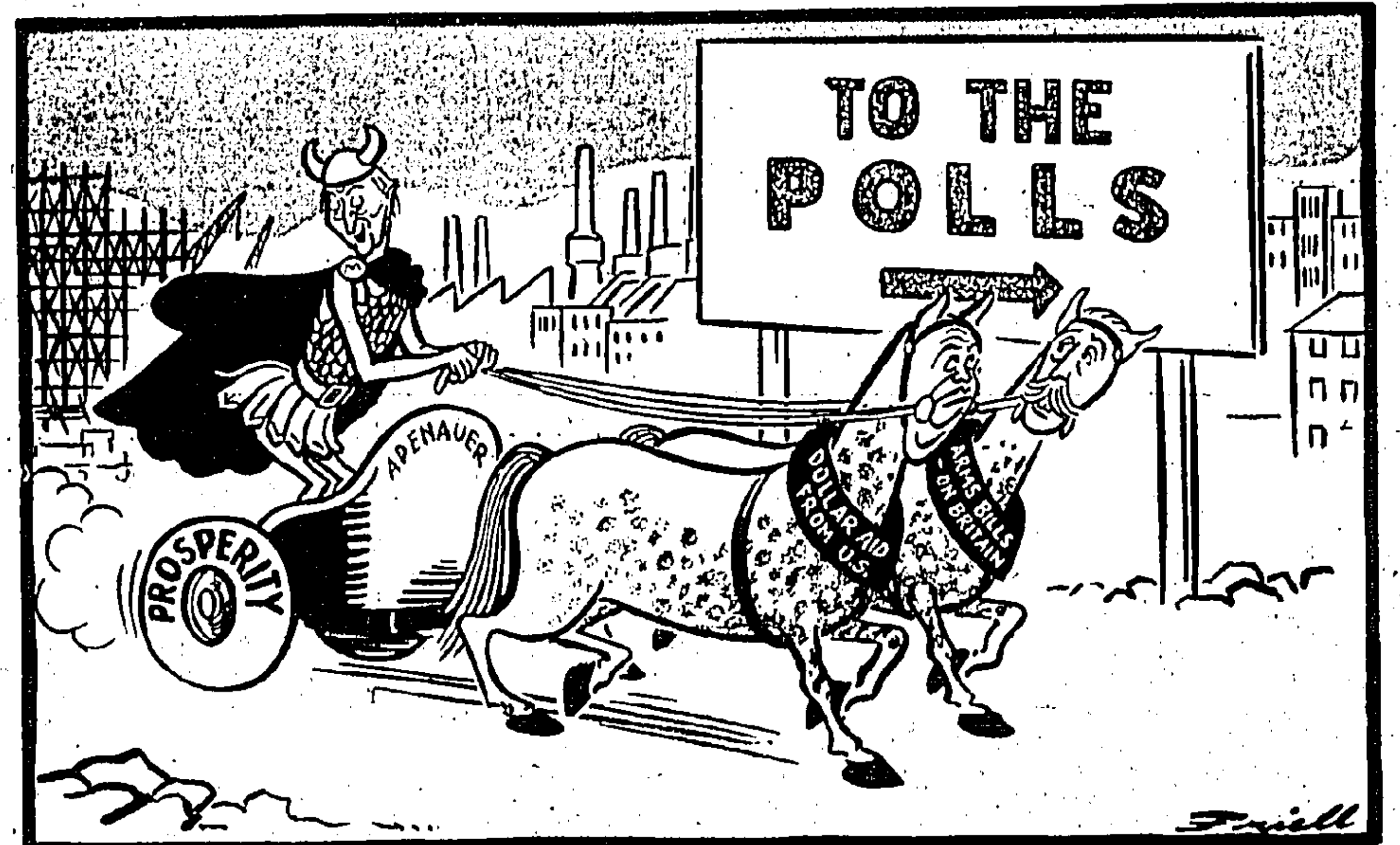
She is convinced that her sweetness of temperament and her great tact can assuage feelings already bruised. In some quarters, by the knowledge that she played a considerable part in the choice of the new Aga Khan.

Her own thinking on the subject was influenced by two considerations: (1) Karim was not the son of any of the Aga's previous wives and (2) that he

was half-British which, herself Frenchwoman, she regarded as a great asset.

It is an astonishing achievement by this woman, born in modest circumstances, in a small South of France provincial town, who was a noted winner of beauty competitions—she was a Miss Lyons, then Miss France—before she married the Aga in 1939, to achieve so much power.

The Aga Khan is at present staying with her in her South of France villa, Yakmour. She has not left the villa since her husband's death, partly because she is still suffering from a nervous depression and partly, too, because adhering to the Aga's wish that she should not wear mourning, she retains a true French provincial's horror of appearing in public without the outward signs of mourning.



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NASSER'S FRIEND moves in at Geneva

By ERNEST ASHWICK

A CLOSE friend of Nasser has moved into an unpretentious block of flats in Geneva's business quarter—as Egypt's first consul-general in Switzerland.

His new offices are to become the headquarters in Europe of the fanatical West-hating Arab League. And Geneva has again become Europe's city of intrigue and espionage.

Long before Suez, paid hirelings of Nasser and the Arab League trickled in and set up shop—many as students at Geneva University, where today there are more Arabs than Swiss.

The vast majority of these students have part-time jobs with the Arab League as propagandists or paid informers. Other Arabs come as import-export merchants to sell cotton and buy arms. Others pose as rich people needing cures in Switzerland's spas.

Doubled

Since Suez, Arab delegations to the numerous international conferences have increased out of all proportion to the work done.

Consulates and embassies have doubled their staff. Cars with Arabic number plates, from Rolls-Royces and Cadillacs to Volkswagens, can be seen by the dozen in Geneva's streets. To keep in line with the Arab countries, Russia has set up a

high-ranking commercial delegation through which are done most of the transactions between Arabs and Russians.

All transactions between Russia and the Middle and Near East countries will now pass through this bank.

This new bank will fall within the Swiss bank secrecy list. So its transactions will be difficult to control even for the wily Swiss.

Reason for opening the bank is said to be the large number of Arabs in Switzerland at this moment and the fact that the big Swiss banks have been worried about the enormous transfers of money from the Middle East to Switzerland. Just before the Suez crisis the amount of cash flowing into Geneva alone was estimated at more than £10,000,000. Today a conservative estimate is 10 times this amount.

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This Funny World

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

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hears that her country has a British rocket with a perfectly gorgeous warhead. Her work improves. She is made a Director. (Thanks to the British rocket.)

Overheard

There will also be some smart talk in a restaurant to advertise native products.

Lady D: Heard about the narrow radar beam for the new guided rocket?

Lady E: My dear, I'm so excited I can't sleep a wink. Imagine it! A ram-jet motor!

Lady D: Yes, and six booster rockets! Talk about air-to-air!

Lady E: And the new invisible 400,000-an-hour missile!

Lady D: At only £53,000,000 a dozen!

The Scourge of the Moors

CAPTAIN FOULENOUGH has once more emerged unscathed from his holiday on the Riviera, leaving behind him a trail of ailments, debts, and rufled faces among the more credulous of the wealthy. An arrangement by which he

became engaged to a fiancée for two days gave her all the publicity she wanted, and him credit in places where he needed it. He left a pile of cards on a yacht from

whose owner he had won large sums. The cardly uneasy yachtsman sent for the police. The cards were examined by

experts, who were confident that they would find them marked in some clever way. There were no marks. For

enough had the foresight to anticipate the calling in of the police, and had left one of the unmarked packs which he

carries to establish his honesty. He told a reporter that he was going to North "to get a grouse or two." The Scourge of the Moors is expected with trepidation.

Tra-la-la!

"Smokey From Coal Fires" Denounced," said the headline.

"We should all be an anthracite better off if we used less coal," says jolly Jack Hopkins, with a light laugh.

JACOBY
ON BRIDGEDiamond Trey Is
Key Card

BY OSWALD JACOBY

SOUTH's rebid to three spades was questionable. He had only 13 points in high cards and his trump suit, six cards in length, but rather weak.

There was nothing questionable about North's four spade bid. He had an exceptionally strong single raise to start with.

West opened the seven of diamonds. East won with the ten and cashed the jack. West dropped the deuce so that East knew for sure that declarer held the one remaining diamond. East also noted that he would have a sure trump trick if his partner could trump a third diamond with the three spot. Hence, West led his three of diamonds. South played the nine and West ruffed

with his six of trumps. During this overruff with the jack and now East had his trump trick.

South still had one shot left in his locker. He cashed his ace of spades and went after the heart suit. If East held three hearts South would have been able to shed both his clubs. Unfortunately East held only two hearts and ruffed the third heart lead with his king of trumps.

Then he led a club to his partner's ace and set the contract.

The most interesting feature of the play is East's lead of the three of diamonds. If he had led one of his high diamonds, his partner might have forgotten to ruff in. In that case dummy could have ruffed with the three of trumps and declarer would have ruffed off with the rest of the tricks.

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Home Soccer Fixtures

Following are the Home soccer fixtures for tomorrow and Monday:

TOMORROW	
First Division	
Armenia	Leeds
Arson Villa	Leicester
Bolton	Portsmouth
Burnley	Newcastle
Everton	Blackpool
Manchester C.	Tottenham
Nottingham	West Brom
Sheff Wed	Sheff Wed
Wolves	Manchester U.
Sunderland	Luton
Second Division	
Barnsley	West Ham
Bristol R.	Nottingham
Charlton	Liverpool
Derby	Sheff Wed
Doncaster	Cardiff
Fulham	Sheff Wed
Huddersfield	Stoke
Leyton	Middlesbrough
Lincoln	Grimsby
Rotherham	Bristol C.
Swansea	Blackburn
Third Division (South)	
Aldershot	Gillingham
Barnet	Walsall
Colchester	Reading
Crystal P.	Southend
Newport	Bournemouth
Plymouth	Exeter
Port Vale	Brighton
Southampton	Sheff Wed
Swindon	Millwall
Torquay	Sheff Wed
Walsall	Northampton
Third Division (North)	
Barrow	Accrington
Bradford	Hartlepool
Carlisle	Tranmere
Crewe	Stockport
Darlington	Workington
Gateshead	Sheff Wed
Oldham	Hull
Rochdale	Bradford C.
Scunthorpe	Chesterfield
Southport	Hull
Wrexham	Sheff Wed
York	Sheff Wed
Scottish League "A"	
Airdrie	Clyde
Arbroath	Motherwell
Cellie	Dundee
Dundee	Queen's Park
East Fife	Partick
Hibernian	Partick
Partick	Queen of So
Queen of So	St Mirren
St Mirren	Aberdeen
Third Lanark	Falkirk
Scottish League "B"	
Arbroath	Stirling
Ayr	Stirling
Brechin	Stirling
Dumfries	Stirling
East Stirling	Stirling
Hamilton	Stirling
Stirling	Stirling
MONDAY	
Third Division (South)	
Colchester	Northampton
Millwall	Queen's P. R.
Plymouth	Southampton
Port Vale	Newport
Third Division (North)	
Accrington	Sheff Wed
Grimsby	Sheff Wed
Hull	Sheff Wed
York	Sheff Wed

SHORT-CUT VICTORY FOR TURPIN.



Randolph Turpin, the British Cruiserweight Champion (right) in action against the Frenchman, Ahmen Bougroune, at Harringay on September 17. Turpin was the winner, the referee stopping the fight in the ninth round.—Central Press Photo.

THIS SOFTBALL SEASON MARKS THE COMPLETION OF TWO DECADES OF ORGANISED LOCAL GAMES

By "TIME OUT"

The softball season is with us again and once more the faithful followers of the sport are making the usual week-end excursions to the ball park. They have done this year after year, sons following in their fathers' footsteps, the young gradually replacing the old in the true tradition of softball fans—but how many people realise that this has been going on for the past twenty years?

This 1957-58 season marks the completion of two decades of organised local softball, including the war years in Macao when interest never waned despite the trials and tribulations brought about by global conflict.

Regular weekly games are now taken as a matter of course and it is a commendable achievement to have softball as a permanent fixture on the local sports calendar, considering the fact that it was first introduced to Hongkong in 1935 by a handful of Overseas Chinese (tossing around an oversized ball, then termed an "indoor baseball"—a ball slightly smaller than the kind now used in miniature football).

At that time the game was played with bare hands and there were only six teams participating. It required very little space and the venue was the CBA ground at King's Park and the present bowling green of the Filipino Club. Spectator interest in the new sport was so high it was not unusual to have fans sitting along the baselines. All games were on a friendly basis as it was not until two years later, in 1937, that the Hongkong Softball Association was established.

Capacity Crowd

The visit of Marty Felder's Hollywood Glamourgirls in 1936 was a milestone in the history of softball in that for the first time the present-day 6-inches ball was introduced. Two games were played off at Carroll's Hill with the series breaking even, the All-Hongkong Men's team losing 1-3 and the Combined Chinese scrapping through to a 2-1 victory. These two games played off the same afternoon drew capacity crowds. This writer, then still too young to appreciate the very snappy outfits worn by the American

girls, nevertheless recalls the complete loss of control of the enthusiastic crowd that swarmed all over the ground and refused to budge an inch from the baselines.

The Team Counted

As a result of this visit tremendous interest was stimulated amongst local sportsmen and taking up this new sport with the 6-inches ball was as easy as falling off a log since the majority of participants then comprised experienced baseballers. In those days more than ever the players went out without any serious consideration of playing for individual honours. It was the team and the team only that counted. It is a sad reflection on Colony softball today that this attitude to the game is a thing of the past.

An outbreak of sprained digits and blackened eyes featured the early beginnings of softball for in those days neither gloves nor masks were worn. The sole arbiter took his position behind the pitcher and if ever he was hit by a batted ball he had nobody but himself to blame.

Sunday morning games were a regular feature. The popularity of this sport caught on and soon interest was so widespread that teams were mushrooming in every section of the community. In the year 1937 it became apparent that some sort of control was necessary in order to establish the game on an organised footing. Officers were not difficult to find as the fraternity had amongst its ranks men with the ability and patience to govern the affairs of such a sporting body. The seed having been sown these men nursed the sport with care and the success of the sport in the years following is a glowing tribute to their untiring efforts.

The Hongkong Softball Association was founded in 1937 with three men forming the nucleus of what was then known as the "Softball League." All the affairs of the Association were in their hands and their meeting place was the Brook Club in Middle Road, Kowloon. The Association was to benefit by this connection with the Club insofar as when the Club wound up its activities the balance of its funds amounting to just over a \$1,000.00 (not to be scoffed at in those days) was donated to the Softball Association.

First Constitution

The first Constitution of the Association was as brief as one could possibly imagine. Two typewritten sheets were compiled and retained by the Honorary Secretary and it is doubtful if any team manager ever bothered to refer to this Constitution. Managers had no voting rights and any decision in softball matters was the sole prerogative of the three men who were the Association. Protests were few and far between but when these arose the League officials prevailed on the wise council of more experienced men to arbitrate and there the matter ended. Appeals were unheard of since decisions, favourable or otherwise, were accepted without question in the true spirit of sportsmanship. The series for the three English newspapers contributed much to the development of softball. Only one league was run in the first year of organised softball. In 1937 and competition was keen. This year also

saw the inception of the annual Presentation Dance which is now a traditional end-of-season affair.

In 1938 softball was at the height of popularity and ladies' softball was introduced. So many games in the two leagues had to be played off that at one time five different grounds (loaned by sympathetic clubs) had to be used to accommodate the season. Up to this time only one umpire officiated at games and the system of having two more to assist at games did not come about until spectator control came into effect for the first time—at Chatham Road, where fans were properly seated in the stands.

The entrance fee was only 20 cents and games were well supported, a crowd of 1,000 being quite common on Sundays. An interesting feature of Chatham Road days was when fans made Sunday softball an all-day affair by bringing along their lunch boxes—and one can't help but wonder how many of these players even went so far as to erect a hot-dog stand.

High Standard

It was indeed silent testimony to the high standard of play that fans willingly spent their entire Sunday watching softball—and teams were so evenly matched that scores seldom reached double figures.

All scoring at games then was the duty of the game umpire, who, believe it or not, copied on the spot! The Association also contributed to the war effort late in 1940 by staging a series of exhibition games which raised a sum of \$1,700.00 for the SCMP "Bomber Fund." The only thing marred what was otherwise a very successful season was the discovery early

in 1939 that certain players were betting on outcomes of games, as a result of which two rulings were made. Firstly, players found guilty of violating their amateur status were barred from further participation and, secondly, commercially sponsored teams were not allowed to play in the League.

Popular Demand

By popular demand the Inter-Hong League came into being the following year. This League attracted numerous entries from the various business organisations and what was lacking in softball "know-how" was more than compensated for by all-round keenness, with the biggest rivalry rampant amongst the three all companies. For the first time, an opening parade of teams (now a regular feature of each year's Opening Day) in full uniform was introduced. In this 1939-40 season, the inauguration of the Men's & Ladies' International Series added spice to an already full programme of League and Hong games. A touch of "Americana" was evident when the series started using such terms as "swinging on a rusty gate" and "fanning the breeze" and other expressions peculiar to baseball and it was indeed an extremely busy year for three overworked officials who incidentally held office until late 1941.

When more and more youngsters took up the game the Junior League came into existence in 1940 and the state of affairs when hostilities broke out in December, 1941, was such that just before quite a few of the Colony's softballers responded to the call to arms, softball boasted 11 well-matched teams in the Senior Division, eight in the Ladies and countless Junior League teams.

NAME SAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

1 Has Lilies

2 Like Othello

3 English writer

4 Contains milk

5 Cuts up the joint

6 Famous strong man

7 Love affair

8 Such a man in winter

9 Agriculture

10 It's in Devon

Solution on Page 9

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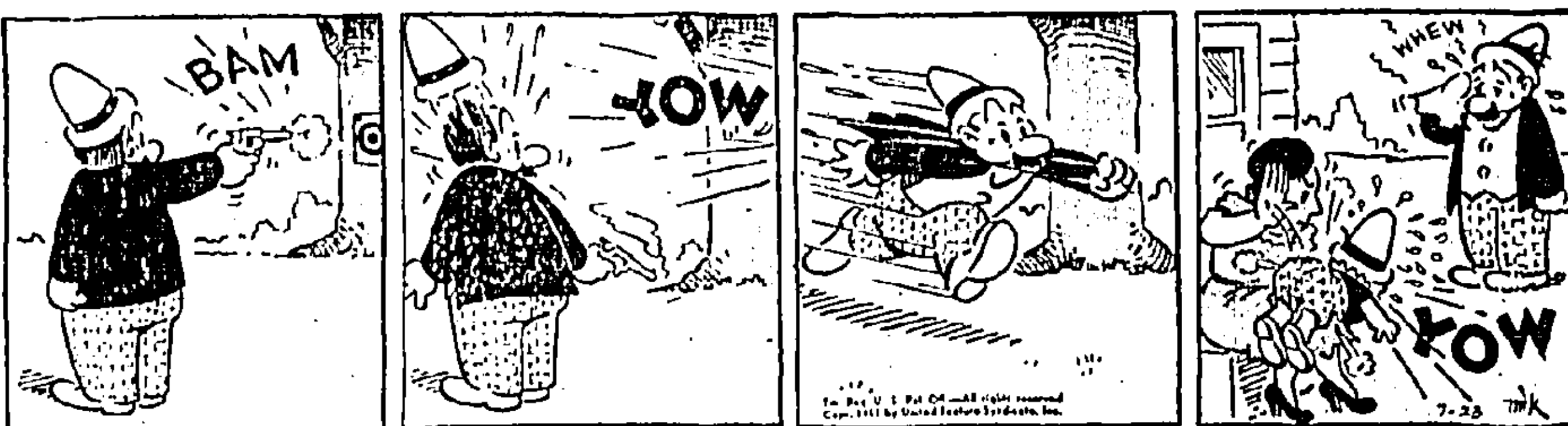
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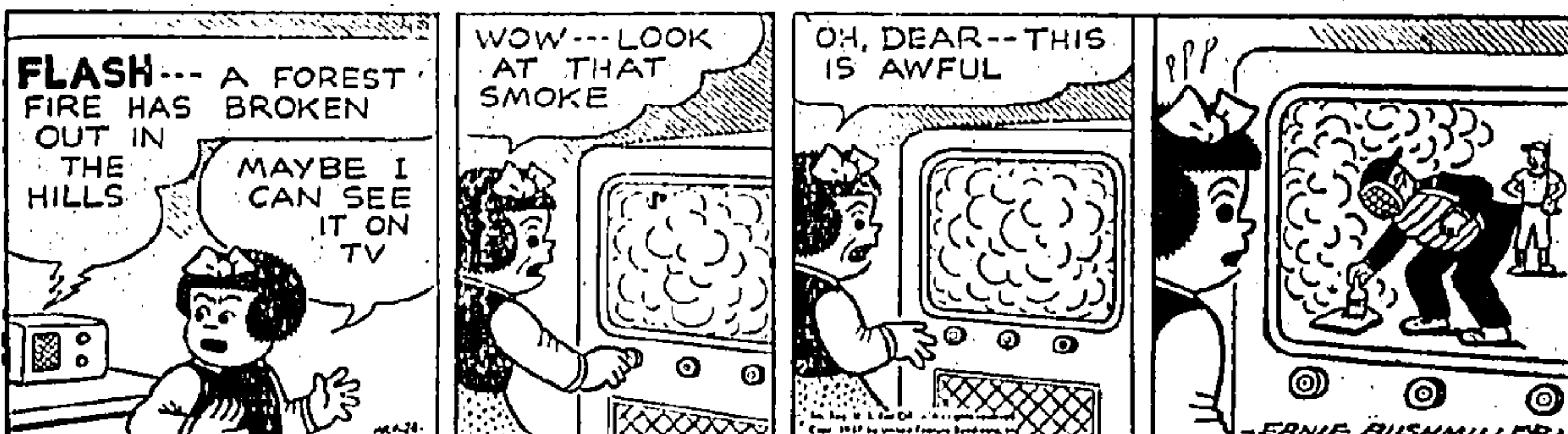
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Nandu Natekar Beats Choong At Bombay

Bombay, Sept. 26.

Indian ace badminton player Nandu Natekar today eliminated Malaysia's David Choong from the Men's Singles of the Cricket Club of India and Western India Badminton Championship in Bombay.

In a quarter-final round encounter, Natekar beat Choong by 15-8, 15-1.

Malaya's Eddie Choong and Denmark's Finn Kobbero are favourites to contest the final.

In the Mixed Doubles, Natekar and Miss Sahil defeated Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen (Denmark) and Mrs. Surula Kapadia 15-8, 15-10.

They will meet Finn Kobbero (Denmark) and Mrs. Prem Prasher (India) in the final.

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BANKS			
HSBC Bank	850		
INSURANCES			
Union	80 1/4		
SHIPPING			
Wheelock	7.70	3500 @ 7.70	
DOCKS, ETC.			
W. Wharf	122	500 @ 122	
Doek	52 5/8	3000 @ 52 5/8	
Provident (O)	11.50	300 @ 11.50	
(H.K.)	20	100 @ 20	
LAND, ETC.			
105 Hotel	14.00		
HK Land	34 1/2	500 @ 34 1/2	
Humphreys	15.00	10.10	500 @ 15
RUBBER			
Amalg.	1.62 1/2	1.57 1/2	3500 @ 1.55
Trust	1.27 1/2	1.25	
UTILITIES			
Trans	23.10	23.10	350 @ 23
Star Ferry	133		
Yauwatt	102	103	
C. Light (O)	18.20	18.00	100 @ 18
(H.K.)	22.70		
Electric	20	20.20	500 @ 20
Telephone	27.40	27.00	500 @ 27 1/2
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	20	20 1/2	1000 @ 20.30
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	15.00	700 @ 15	
Watson	12.50	82.50	600 @ 12.50
COTTONS			
Maymang	9.75		

Stocks Climb Back To Steady Ground

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

After the initial shock of the two per cent increase in bank rates in London, the Hongkong Stock Market slowly recovered and closed yesterday on a brighter note.

When it was learnt yesterday that Hongkong's three big banks were not raising their interest rates as much as anticipated, the market revived under the leadership of utilities.

The majority of stocks were depressed when news of the increased bank rate reached Hongkong last Friday, but by the close yesterday the majority of shares were climbing back from their lows for the week.

Worst Days

The market had one of its worst days of the year on Monday. It was so quiet that by noon only \$17,000 worth of business had been transacted. Investors were very uncertain over what was going to happen to the Hongkong bank rates for the week. But after lunch the market quickened slightly and by the day's end the turnover was \$138,000.

Although on Tuesday the atmosphere was still uncertain, investors had got over their initial surprise resulting in the market taking a turn for the better. Turnover for the day was one lakh short of one million.

The turnover for the whole week was \$2.35 million compared with last week's turnover of \$2.5 million.

of \$2.5 million. Tally was three higher, nine unchanged and 12 lower, compared with two higher, ten unchanged and 12 lower the previous week.

Unpopular

One thing that has been dragging the market down for some weeks now is the President and China Light rights. Today is the last day for their quotation.

The lack of ready cash in recent years has shown that stockholders in most cases never welcome the issue of rights.

The only stock on the market that seemed to ignore all the fuss over the bank rate was Dairy Farm, which gained 30 cents on the week.

Still Falling

In the utility section, Telephones and Electric continued to fall on the market. They both lost 50 cents each for the week, closing at \$27 and \$27.90 respectively.

Trams which have been steady for some time lost 30 cents on the week closing on a quote of \$23 yesterday.

Lands also took a nasty drop of 75 cents with a price of \$34, while Wheelocks lost ten cents to close at \$7.65.

Market Diary

Friday: Business slows down. T/O: \$208,000.

Monday: Quiet conditions. T/O: \$139,000.

Tuesday: Trend rather uncertain. T/O: \$900,000.

Wednesday: No material change. T/O: \$379,000.

Thursday: Prices harden somewhat. T/O: \$985,000.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Sept. 26. Rex rubber futures today closed 30 to 51 points higher with sales of 65 contracts.

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SHEAFFER'S
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MAN FOUND GUILTY OF ARSON

Sentenced To Two-and-a-half Years' Hard Labour

Found guilty of unlawfully and maliciously setting fire to his tailor shop with intent to defraud, Lam Sin-lee, 54, proprietor of the tailor shop, was sentenced to two and a half years' hard labour by Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at the Supreme Court this morning.

Before passing sentence, Mr Justice Scholes said he took into consideration that accused had no previous conviction and that the offence was not prevalent in Hong-kong.

3 INJURED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

A 44-year-old Chinese, Cheng Chiu, was knocked down and injured by a private car in Clear Water Bay Road, near the Ngau Chi Wan bus terminus, at about 11.10 pm yesterday. The man is receiving treatment at the Kowloon Hospital.

A tram car knocked down a 42-year-old pedestrian, Hui Lit, in Main Street West, Shaukiwan, yesterday. The man was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition.

A boy, Chan Mui-yung, aged eight, sustained serious injuries when he was struck by a lorry in Queen's Road West, near Wo Hop Street, yesterday. The lad was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

DETAINED

A man has been arrested following the theft of a wrist watch and some money from another Chinese yesterday morning in Lockhart Road. The Police have detained a man following the theft of a fountain pen from a pedestrian in Un Chau Street, near Yen Chau Street, yesterday.

He told accused that he also took into account that he had no intention to burn the whole building down but only his premises. He also pointed out to accused the seriousness of such fire which would likely to cause death or looting. Accused's wife, who was in Court with her three children, wept when sentence was passed.

Mr Stewart Collier, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Insps. R. G. Ibbittson, prosecuted.

The Jury of five men and two women, who deliberated for more than 50 minutes, returned a majority verdict of five to two.

Asked whether he had anything to say before sentence was passed, accused insisted that the fire was accidentally lit and that he was forced to admit the charge.

Soaked Rags

The Crown's case was that accused set fire to his shop at 22 Wellington Street, ground floor, in the early morning of June 24, a month after he had renewed his fire insurance policy for \$30,000. It was stated that he was in financial difficulties at the time of the fire, being six months in arrears in his rent. It was further alleged that in a cautioned statement to the Police following the fire, accused admitted that he soaked some rags with kerosene with the intention of burning some furniture under the staircase so that the insurance company would pay him some compensation.

Before the Jury retired to deliberate, the Judge addressed them on points of law and gave them a summary of the evidence adduced.

Main Issues

Mr Justice Scholes said that the main issues for the Jury to consider were whether accused did set fire to the shop, and if so, did he do it intentionally and whether accused made the cautioned statement to the Police voluntarily or under duress.

If they reject the Crown's evidence on the latter point, then there would be insufficient evidence for them to convict. It was not necessary for the whole building to burn down to prove arson, it was sufficient that part of the premises had been consumed, he told the Jury.

Triad Man Gets Six Weeks' Gaol

A 29-year-old tailor, Ng Lai, of 159 Lockhart Road, third floor, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and placed under Police supervision for two years by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning for being a triad member. Defendant was arrested by a detective on September 25 at Staveley Street near Wellington Street. He admitted he was a member of the Dan Yee Triad Society. He said he was forced to join four months ago. The Prosecuting Officer described this Dan Yee Triad Society as the "worst" of the lot. He added that this society was very active in the Warehouse district particularly in protecting prostitutes, pickpockets, and organized burglaries, etc. Defendant, who had nine previous convictions from 1947 to 1957, claimed he was beaten up and forced to join the society four months ago. He asked the Magistrate for a chance so that he could turn over a new leaf.

STOLE UMBRELLA

In the case of a 30-year-old unemployed man, Leung Kwong alias Leung Pak-ping, of 370 Castle Peak Road, ground floor, he was given a total of three months and six weeks for stealing an umbrella and being a member of triad society. Leung was additionally placed under Police supervision for two years and for breach of bond, was fined \$100 or otherwise 14 days in prison. The sentences are to run consecutively. Leung was arrested by the Police on the same day at a pawnshop when trying to pawn an umbrella which he had stolen on the previous day. In the Police station, defendant admitted he was a member of Luen To Ying triad society.

Albert Path Defined

Today's Government Gazette defines Albert Path as the stepped footpath commencing at its junction with Lower Albert Road east of the Central Hospital running generally in a southerly direction, crossing Upper Albert Road between the Church Guest House and Government House and terminating at its junction with Albany Road.

He Puts The Finishing Touches To Exhibition Mural



BID TO IMPORT GOLD: MAN FINED \$1,000

A greaser of the Macao ferry ss Tak Shing, Fung Yeung, 46, of 350 Fort Street, ground floor, was fined \$1,000 by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning for importing eight bars of gold weighing 39.6 taels into the Colony without a licence. Defendant, who was on bail of \$2,000, was represented by Mr J. C. Stewart of Stewart and Co.

Senior Revenue Officer, J. D. Wake, prosecuting, said that information was received on September 26 that gold was to be imported on the ss Tak Shing. A party of Revenue officers accordingly went to the Castellan Wharf and waited for the arrival of the vessel. On arrival at about 6.30 p.m., defendant was seen coming out of the ship which came from Macao. He was stopped by the officers, who, having identified themselves, asked if he had anything to declare. Defendant said "No".

IN BODY

The officers suspected that the gold was concealed in his body and escorted him to the Queen Mary Hospital where a package, wrapped in a prophylactic, was removed from his body. The gold was found containing inside. Mr Stewart, who pleaded guilty on his client's behalf, said in mitigation that defendant was a married man with a wife and five children to support. He had been working as a crew member of the vessel for the past five years earning \$100 a month plus an allowance of \$70 for food. He was not the owner of the gold and was tempted to bring it into the Colony for \$20.

Mr Stewart added that defendant had been in the Colony for 30 years and that he had a clear record. However, he was fined \$30 in 1951 for attempting to export some photographic papers. Counsel then asked the Magistrate to treat his client as leniently as possible.

Trousers Stolen

A pair of trousers was stolen from a private car parked in Lockhart Road, near Percival Street, yesterday. The car door was unlocked.

CONSULS

Today's Government Gazette notifies that the Queen's Exequatur empowering Mr Angel Vega Mendez to act as Consul-General for the Republic of Panama at Hongkong has received Her Majesty's signature. The Gazette also notifies that HE the Governor, under instruction from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has been pleased to accord formal recognition to Mr Akira Kawaguchi as Vice-Consul for Japan at Hongkong.

Requiem Mass

A High Requiem Mass for the late Mr Charles Gray, prominent Hongkong businessman, who died on August 27, was celebrated at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Causeway Road, this morning. The Rev. Fr. J. de Maestri officiated. Present were Mr Gray's widow and two children, and his brother, Mr Frank Gray, who returned recently from Malia. A number of friends and relations also attended.

Road Tenders

The Government is calling tenders for the construction of Eastern Hospital Road from Cotton Path to the Hongkong Stadium.

Struck Off

The Cathay Tea Corporation Ltd. has been struck off the register and the company dissolved, according to the Government Gazette today.

HEROIN FACTORY CASE ENDING

The trial of five men charged with manufacturing heroin in a \$1,000 a-month house in Clear Water Bay Road neared its final stages at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Mr Justice C. W. Reade began his summing-up of the case. The Jury of six men and a woman will probably return their verdict some time today. Arranged in Court in the same way as the Police found them in the house were about 80 pieces of equipment and the jars of chemicals which the Prosecution alleged constituted the narcotic "factory." Also found were packets of heroin powder. The accused are Cheung Chung-man, Yau Kwok-shing, Cheung Shing, Cheung Yau and Wong Yui-shing. They are all charged with manufacturing heroin in a building in Clear Water Bay on May 15 and the first, fourth and fifth accused were additionally charged with possession of heroin. Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Insp. J. MacMahon. Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr K. Y. Yung, is representing the first, fourth and fifth accused.

Explanation

Mr Justice Reade explained to the Jury the law of criminal trials. He said that any reasonable doubt must be given in favour of the accused and they must consider the evidence against each of the five men separately.

Reviewing the evidence as it affected each of the accused, the Judge said that the first accused was not arrested in the house, but the Crown case was that he was the "boss" and aided and abetted in the manufacture by using his car. There was also evidence that the tenancy agreement was entered into by the first accused.

There was nothing to suggest, and the defence did not contend, that narcotics were not in fact being manufactured on the premises. A glove was alight when the Police raided the house, said Mr Justice Reade. The case is proceeding.

Pilot Officer

Mr Edward Francis Hicks, AC II of the Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force, was appointed Pilot Officer with effect September 12, according to today's Government Gazette.

Pensionable Establishment

The following officers were confirmed to the permanent and pensionable establishment as announced in today's Government Gazette:

Dr Benjamin Ho, Medical Officer; Mr Chen Tsing-kwan, Building Surveyor; Mr W. F. Pickering, Magistrate; Mr P. A. Cross, Mr J. L. Wall, Miss J. Hurst and Miss S. J. Benford, Education Officers; and Miss M. M. MacLellan, Mistress.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"We could live right here, Mom, with you and Dad. Charles says if two can live as cheaply as one, four can live as cheaply as three!"

From the Files

25 years AGO

OWING to the prevalence of accidents in Nathan Road, particularly in the vicinity of the Majestic and Po Hing theatres and the Chinese hotels, a new controlled area has just been brought into force. Three fatal accidents have occurred during the past few months in that vicinity, while other minor accidents happen with distressing frequency. The speed limit for cars inside this section is 20 mph and for buses and lorries 15 mph.

MR B. L. Falconer was the victim of a daring theft in the GPO building, yesterday. In a report to the Police, he was buying some postage stamps when someone crept up behind him and stole his Lelan camera, valued at \$240. Mr Falconer had placed the camera beside him on the counter and after purchasing the stamps found it was missing.

The premises at nos 11 and 12 Ice House Street, occupied by the Netherlands Trading Society, have been sold for \$250,000 to Mr Wat Chiew-pok, proprietor of the Yee Tin Tong Drug Company in Queen's Road.

HONGKONG defeated Shanghai yesterday by 21 shots to 20 in a second game of the Inter-territory series, thus registering their eighth victory in the series of eight matches played on Shanghai soil. To U. M. Omar, must go all the credit for the Hongkong triumph as his brilliance and tactical scheming achieved a great deal in undermining the play of the local bowlers.

Erected at a cost of \$700,000 the new Alhambra Theatre, in Nathan Road, owned and operated by the Hongkong Amusements Ltd., will be opened to the public early in December this year. The Alhambra will screen first run films of Warner Brothers and First National, leaving MGM productions for screening at the Queen's theatre.

JOHN Ellis, 58, the official hangman for 23 years, was found with his throat cut at his home in Rochdale today. He officiated at 203 executions, including those of the notorious Crippen and Sir Roger Casement. Whether foul play or suicide is suspected, Police do not divulge.

The Queen's Theatre took a half page in the China Mail to announce that "Tarzan, The Ape Man" would begin tomorrow. The film, starring Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan and C. Arthur Smith, was described as "The greatest drama of the wilds ever thrown upon the screen."

At St John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon the wedding took place of Miss Gertrude Alison Chan, of 39 Conduit Road, youngest daughter of the late Mr Chan Kai Ming, to Mr John Frederick Shea, General Manager and Secretary of Wallace Herper & Co. Ltd, the son of the late Mr P. S. Shea. The Rev. L. Neville Watkins officiated at the ceremony. The page boy was Master Eric Ho. Misses Stella and Helen Ho were bridesmaids. The flower girls were Pamela Ho and Margaret Morris and the best man was Mr W. A. Shea.

During the last year 72 new members have joined the Kowloon Cricket Club, thus bringing the membership to a total of 309.

MR W. R. Stevens, Government diver, was fatally stricken under peculiar circumstances late yesterday afternoon, while working on the Harbour pier. When brought to the surface the diver was in a critical condition. He was rushed to the Government Civil Hospital but died just before reaching there.

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